

**P/11/2017-2018**  
26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## **QUESTION TIME**

**To receive questions from members of the public for a period not exceeding ten minutes.**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of Wiltshire Council's Members Code of Conduct, as adopted by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council at a meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements that the Chairman wishes to make.

### **4. MINUTES**

To confirm and sign Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (P/10/2017-2018). Copy previously circulated.

### **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Now that Wiltshire Council have placed on line all planning applications, paper copies are no longer available. Members are asked to review the following applications before attending the meeting.**

[a] To make observations on the following planning applications detailed on Schedule 1680.

*Planning Application 18/02987/FUL*, Erection of 7 no. industrial units for business (B1) and storage and distribution (B8) together with associated works.

**Called in by:** Councillors Nic Hughes and Steve Watts.

**Call in reason from Councillor Hughes:** This proposed application is the second significant industrial development on Whitehill Road proposed in recent months. This development alongside application 17/02703/FUL, is bringing significant investment to the South West corner of the town but will also bring increased traffic. Residents have raised concerns to me and other councillors about traffic at the Whitehill Road/ High Street crossroads which has seen multiple accidents in the past five years. There are also concerns about speeding and the safety of children attending RWB Infants just beyond this junction. As a town council, we should be making Wiltshire Council aware of these concerns.

**Call in reason from Councillor Watts:** The commuter traffic to the site could be significant, but the biggest concern for me is the increase in class 2 and class 1 HGV's travelling through the town and the use of the New Road/High Street cross roads. It is an awkward junction to negotiate in a large lorry especially when you have traffic at the give way lines as they do not have the room to negotiate the turn. They will also need to take both sides of the road when exiting from Whitehill Lane in either direction.

I am all for new employment opportunities within our town, but the junction at Whitehill Lane/New Road/ High Street would need to be revised along the lines of a traffic light system to allow safer passage for pedestrians, cars and large vehicles negotiating this junction.

With the increase of large goods vehicles passing through our town and this potential new logistics company, it would also be beneficial to introduce a 7.5t weight limit except for deliveries in the High Street which would reduce the impact of noise and

surface damage and stress on our towns folk. But this is only realistic when we can bring a bypass solution around the town as a main route to junction 16.

[b] To make observations on planning applications received since the preparation of the Agenda.

## **6. DELEGATED POWERS**

The Committee is asked to note that the following applications have been returned as “No Objection” in accordance with Council Policy:-

Consideration of Planning Applications detailed on Schedule 1678.

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| 18/01527/ FUL | Knights Farmhouse     | No Objections |
| 18/00288/FUL  | 29 Orchard Mead       | No Objections |
| 18/02210/FUL  | 10 Bennett Hill Close | No Objections |
| 18/02434/FUL  | 2 Hedgerow Lane       | No Objections |
| 18/02653/FUL  | 14 Bardsey Close      | No Objections |